

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

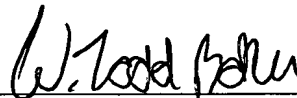
Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 38-42, 44-48, 50, 52, and 53 are presently active in this case. In the outstanding office action, claims 38-42, 46-48, 50, and 53 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected based claim, but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter. In view of the indication of allowability and in order to expedite prosecution, Applicants have rewritten the dependent claims indicated as being allowable in dependent form. Claims 37, 43, 49, and 51 have been canceled by the present amendment.

In view of the current amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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